STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES

In re: Abide, Inc.

Petition No. 20000424-053-023

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Abide, Inc. of Longmeadow, MA (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000072 to practice as an asbestos contractor by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut,

as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. In or about January 2000, respondent was the licensed asbestos contractor for an asbestos abatement project at 16 Church Street, Enfield, CT (hereinafter "the property"). Said project involved the encapsulation of approximately 185 linear feet of asbestos pipe insulation in the basement of the residence on the property.

- 2. On or about January 3, 2000, during a Department inspection of the asbestos abatement at the property, respondent:
 - improperly transported, in the back of the truck used to transport supplies and
 workers to the property, an unlabeled and torn bag of asbestos containing waste that
 was generated from another work site; and
 - b. failed to properly construct and maintain a worker decontamination system, to
 ensure that no person left the work area unless first decontaminating by removing all

asbestos debris, in that the construction of the worker decontamination system occurred simultaneously with the encapsulation of the asbestos pipe insulation.

3. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 400a and §§19a-332 and 19a-332a(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, taken in conjunction with §§19a-332a-1, 19a-332a-2, 19a-332a-6 and 20-440-6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department, this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 2. Respondent's license number 000072 to practice as an asbestos contractor in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand and six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- 4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to its licensure.
- 5. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 6. This Consent Order is effective on the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.

- 7. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in which its compliance with this Consent Order or with Chapters 400a or 3681 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
- 8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that it may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 9. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 10. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Pegulatory

 Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the

 Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final

 discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
- 11. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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I, Frank Tilli, President of Abide, Inc., have read the above Consent Order, and I represent and warrant that I am fully authorized and empowered to bind said company. I hereby stipulate and agree to bind Abide, Inc. to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ______ day of ____

by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 132 day of

2000, it is hereby accepted.

Thomas Furgalack, Director

Division of Environmental Health

s:llf/abide/CO 6/00

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